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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
NEPA DETERMINATION**

**RECIPIENT:** Institute for Market Transformation**STATE:** DC**PROJECT TITLE:** Putting Data to Work

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number
DE-FOA-0001168

Procurement Instrument Number
DE-EE0007063

NEPA Control Number
GFO-0007063-001

CID Number
G07063

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:**Description:**

A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to Institute for Market Transformation (IMT) to develop new and innovative ways in which the data collected through benchmarking, energy audits and related policies can be used to: influence building codes and standards, improve building energy policies, unlock data directly for market use, scale-up the market for energy efficiency services, create new building technologies, drive competition, and target commercial building stock that would most benefit from energy efficiency interventions.

The proposed activities would include development and dissemination of a toolkit for cities, program administrators, and market actors across the country. The development of the toolkit would occur in the Washington, DC IMT office. The project would include the following major activities: imbedding the use of Standard Energy Efficiency Data (SEED) and BuildingSync within Washington DC and New York City to facilitate the transfer of data between cities and program administrators in a standard format, piloting new concepts in efficiency program design and implementation, developing a replicable toolkit and disseminating it to users nationwide, and contributing to the further development of SEED and BuildingSync.

The proposed project would use no physical materials beyond basic office supplies and software. There are no known or potential health and safety hazards to the public or project workers that may occur at any of the chosen locations. Emissions from stationary sources, such as boilers, process heaters, generators and mobile sources, such as vehicles, would occur from typical office environment work. Garbage including typical office trash would be generated and they would be recycled where possible.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the proposed project would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined that this project is consistent with actions outlined in DOE categorical exclusions A9 "Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination" and A11 "Technical advice and assistance to organizations" and is therefore categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

Building Technologies Office

This NEPA determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

Review completed by Logan Sholar on 6/1/2015

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:



Electronically Signed By: Kristin Kerwin

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 6/3/2015

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

☐ Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

- ☐ Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- ☐ Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature:

Field Office Manager

Date: